



BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

# Hastings Public Schools

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## January 22, 2025 Student Representative Reports

**Aidan Suarez Garcia**

**McAuliffe Elementary**

- In the month of January, there is not much going at McAuliffe, but there is a couple highlights. Last month the 4th graders visited the Nature Carpenter Center learning winter survival.



- On the 28th of January there is a Countdown to Kindergarten from 5pm to 6:30pm. This is to have incoming kindergarteners and families to visit the school, teachers, and take part in a fun scavenger hunt.



## ALC (Alternative Learning Center)

- In December/January, the students of the ALC had their first Christmas celebration at the highschool. The student created stockings and hung them up on a fireplace. After hours on the night of the 19th Santa (staff) came in and filled the stockings with small things personalized to the student. On the morning of the 20th the students open the stockings as a whole group. Later in the day they decorated cookies with frosting and other toppings. The students had the choice to eat them or bring them home to share with family.



- On January 15th the students visited DCTC on a tour. On the 17th Jodi Geib assisted at least half a dozen of the student to register to DCTC.
- Lastly, the end of semester 2 we had 1 senior graduate early and this semester is now attending DCTC. Along with the graduation of one of our super seniors. With these 2 graduations we can now fit in 2 more juniors into the ALC.

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## **Victoria Steinke**

### **Hastings Middle School**

#### **Athletics**

- Wrestling team took first in the Livingston tournament on Saturday the eleventh. They also ended their season and will have their team banquet on the 29th.
- Girls basketball ended their season last month but boys basketball will continue.

#### **Arts**

- January 30 and 31: Winter play

#### **Achievements**

- Rockstar awards: 32 students 5-8th grade.
- 6th Grade teachers organized two "student vs. staff" events for students who were caught up on school work/ missing assignments.
  - Floor Hockey on 1/10/25
  - Volleyball on 1/17/25

#### **More student events**

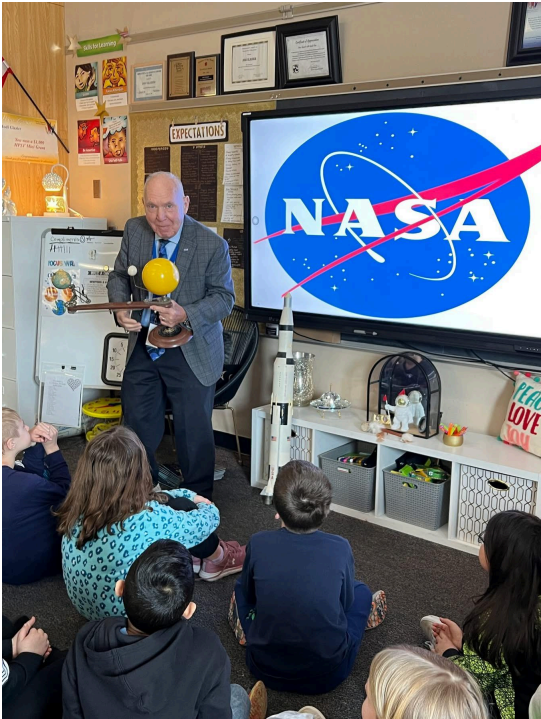
- Outdoor club has been planning their ice fishing trip for this week
- 8th graders in Youth in Government and their Model assembly
- January 23: 7th grade courage retreat!

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## Jen Behnke

Kennedy had a great month to start out the year!!

- First graders visited the animal adaptations exhibit at the Carpenter Nature Center!
- Mrs. Bachman's class is writing a class book with the theme "Kindness Starts With Me". Each student has contributed a page!
- Before winter break, Kindergarten had their annual gingerbread house making activity! This is a memorable event for them because they get to work with their grandparents!!
- 3rd graders are very excited about space exploration, as they have been expanding on that through their reading curriculum. They were also visited by a local NASA ambassador, who educated them on the importance of STEM.



Pinecrest's Month in Review:

- Ms. Knoll's class decorated a Christmas tree and sent it to the Allina Health Cancer Institute to brighten their holiday season!
- Volunteers from Carpenter Nature Center helped students learn about the animals of the St. Croix River! Students found it very engaging and had fun!



### District-wide Event!!

- Last week, 4th graders visited the high school and got to watch the Demo Concert put on by the top musical groups at the HS- Select Chorale, Wind Ensemble, and Concertino. This helped them decide if and what music they might want to go into next year!



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## Briseis Rusnacko

HHS:

- Students have worked hard this month getting ready for their semester 1 finals! Whether it's a freshman taking their very first finals, or seniors like me taking their very last finals, this month is always a big one.
- Like usual, here's a few sports highlights:
  - Boys Wrestling is getting ready for sections
  - Hastings Archery Team made their debut
  - Boys and Girls Basketball continue to thrive
- And here's a few shoutouts!
  - Congrats to Hailey Strain for making her one-thousandth hoop in girls Basketball, and to our very own Student Rep. Victoria Steinke for her one-thousandth career goalie save!!
- On Friday, January 17th, the Hastings Orchestra, Bands, and Select Choral all put together a Demo concert for 4th grade Hastings students! They included many Disney classics like Under the Sea and Into the Unknown!
- Finally, like I said, us students have been very busy with finals, but we are very excited about 2nd semester starting today and getting to enjoy some new classes!

Tilden:

- Ms. Anna Tlougan's Two's and Three's year class used a record player to create art this week. They were working on manipulating the materials (drawing on a spinning surface helped them practice coordination and fine motor control). They also experimented with cause and effect- children could change the speed and direction of the spinning and see how it changed the drawing they created. They took turns and collaborated on their art--teaching patience and sharing. (see attached pictures)
- 2nd Semester ECFE will be starting on Feb. 3rd, which includes a new Toddler Talk class, an evening busy babies, and some new parenting classes. Preschool registration for the 2025-26 school year will open on Monday, Feb. 24th.
- Tilden hosted a Youth Fair on Thursday, January 16, from 5-7. Community Education, Early Childhood, and ISD 200 were there to recruit students for Kindergarten



(the demo concert!)





(record player coloring- I love this!)